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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of failed to supervise the works and failed to issue the notice to the contractor though the work was not completed with the stipulated time from the Contractor Sri Nadimpalli Subba Raju in execution of the works – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC, Elamanchili Mandal, West Godavari District, for violation of Rule 3(1)(2) & (5) and 3(B)(b) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. – Charges proved in regular Inquiry conducted - Imposition of penalty of "Stoppage of Two Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" under Rule 9(vi) of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.79 **Dated: 23/01/2024.**

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, lr. Rc No. 70/RCT-EWG/2015, dt:18.08.2017 & 27.02.2019.
2. G.O.Rt.No.298, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept, dated: 25.03.2019
3. G.O.Rt.No.300, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept dated: 25.03.2019.
4. Written Statement of Defence of Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Asst. Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), West Godavari District, dt:20.05.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.696, PR & RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated 30.11.2020.
6. From the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, RWS&S/272/2015, dated: 10.08.2021.
7. G.O.Rt.No.470, PR & RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated: 02.09.2021.
8. From the Chief Engineer-IV & Inquiry Officer, RWS&S, Vijayawada, letter dated: 16.03.2022 .
9. Govt. Memo No.9141/VIG.VI/2015, dated: 07.07.2022
10. Written representation, dt:08.08.2022 of Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Asst. Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), West Godavari District.
11. G.O.MS.No.124, GA(V&E) Dept, dt:04.12.2023.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has sent the Final Report, dt:18.08.2017 wherein he has stated that a trap case was registered against Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC, Elamanchili Mandal, West Godavari District on the complaint of Sri Nadimpalli Subba Raju on the allegations of demanding the bribe amount of Rs.25,000/- from the complainant in execution of the works. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau recommended Government to initiate Departmental action, among others, in respect of Accused Officer Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC: Elamanchini Mandal, West Godavari District as the Accused Officer has violated Rules, 3(1)(2) & (5) and 3(B)(b) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 along with another Officer Sri Chintada Naga Venkata Krishna Reddy as he has violated Rule 3(1)(2) & (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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2. Accordingly, Government have initiated Common disciplinary proceedings vide reference 2nd read above duly framing Articles of Charge against V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC: Elamanchini Mandal, West Godavari District vide reference 3rd read above as the charged officers failed to supervise the works and failed to issue notice to the contractor although the work was not completed with in the stipulated time and thereby exhibited slack supervision. The Charged Officer has submitted the Written Statement Defense in the reference 4th read above and requested the benevolent authority to kindly examine his coherent defence in a practical point of view rather than theoretic view and drop the charges.

3. As the Written Statement Defense is not convincing, Government have decided to conduct regular enquiry into the charges and appointed the Executive Engineer and i/c Superintending Engineer, West Godavari District as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the above said Government servants and Executive Engineer, Kovvur, West Godavari District as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority effectively vide G.O. 5th read above.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has requested the Government to change the Inquiring Authority in this case and to appoint Sri B.Hare Ram Naik, Chief Engineer-IV, RWS&S, who is incharge for monitoring of works of West Godavari District as Inquiring Authority in place of Sri J.V.Raghavulu, the then Superintending Engineer & Inquiring Authority, RWS&S, Eluru, as he retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2021. Accordingly, Government appointed Sri B.Hare Ram Naik, Chief Engineer-IV, RWS&S as Inquiry Authority in place of Sri J.V.Raghavulu, the then Superintending Engineer & Inquiring Authority, RWS&S, Eluru vide G.O 7th read above. The newly appointed Inquiry Officer was requested to take up the inquiry from where it was left over.

5. In the reference 8th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted the Inquiry Report stating that the charges levelled against Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC, Elamanchili Mandal, West Godavari District are Proved. The Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC, Elamanchili Mandal, West Godavari District vide reference 9th read above.

6. In response to the above, the Charged Officer Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Asst. Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC: Elamanchini Mandal, West Godavari District has submitted Written representation 10th read above wherein he requested Govt to reject the inquiry Report and drop all further action in this matter and grant him justice.

7. Government, after examining the matter keeping in view of the findings of Inquiring Authority and Written representation of the Charged Officer Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC: Elamanchini Mandal, West Godavari District, have decided to impose a penalty of "Stoppage of Two Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" under Rule 9(vi) of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991 on Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC, Elamanchili Mandal, West Godavari District.

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8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to impose a penalty of "Two Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" under Rule 9(vi) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 against Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Asst. Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), Elamanchini Mandal, West Godavari District, as the charge held proved in the matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.S.S.V.Rama Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Poduru (M), FAC, Elamanchili Mandal, West Godavari District (through Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, AP., Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)

Copy to:
The Secretary, APVC, Secretariat Building-5, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, West Godavari District.
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SECTION OFFICER